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For: CONDUIT COUPLING DEVICE	)		
AND METHODS FOR	)		
EMPLOYING SUCH DEVICES	)		

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In response to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-captioned patent application in view of the following:

**Request for a One-Month Extension of Time to Respond** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Request for Reconsideration** begins on page 6 of this paper.

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**Conclusion** begins on page 11 of this paper.